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TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

JEFFERSON, NH

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR	Paul F. Donovan
SELECTMEN	Carroll E. Ingerson, Chairman Bruce Hicks Michele C. Ward (Resigned) Deborah Dubois
TREASURER	Marie A. Noyes
TAX COLLECTOR	Mary L. Gross
TOWN CLERK	Opal L. Bronson
AUDITOR	Rita M. Larcomb
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST	Donald Noyes Cheryl Meehan Jane Holmes
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	Jeffrey Wiseman, Director
PLANNING BOARD	Michael Meehan
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS	Kim Perry, Chairman
FIRE CHIEF	Chris Milligan
FAST SQUAD	Larry Coulter, Jr., Director
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS	Jason Call Alden Holmes Rupert Corrigan
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	Adele Woods Meg Costa Cheryl Meehan, Chairman
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	David Govatski, Chairman

WARRANT 2005 TOWN MEETING

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM NOON TO 8:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Jefferson in the County of Coos in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town of Jefferson on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at 7:30 of the clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year**

ARTICLE 2: To see what action the Town will take on the following: are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #8 to the Town Land Use Ordinance proposed by the Planning Board.

1. Change Article IV Section 1 Lot Size

- A. Each single-family dwelling (year round residence, camp or vacation home) shall be placed on a lot of 2 acres or more. (deleting 90,000 square feet)
- C. Two-family attached dwelling shall require a minimum lot size of 3.75 acres. (deleting 160,000 square feet)

Article V Section 2 Cluster, Condominium, and Other Developments

A. The maximum number of dwellings permitted in a multi family development shall be determined by dividing the new tract area of the parcel by the minimum one-family lot size of two acres. (changing 90,000 square feet to 2 acres)

2. Adding Section 7 and 8 in Article V

Section 7. Shoreland Protection. The Town adopts the provisions of the "Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act", RSA 483-B. This act applies to every permitting decision made with respect to a project within the protected shoreland. (State mandated)

Section 8. Building Code. The Town adopts the provisions of the New Hampshire Energy Code (RSA 155-D) mandating that when building new homes with any provision at all for fossil or electric heat, planning to spend more than 50% of the current value of a structure altering that structure, construct a commercial structure under 4,000 square feet, winterizing a seasonal home or part of an existing structure, constructing an addition with more than 150 square feet of floor space the International Energy Code (IECC 2000) must be met. Certificate of Compliance from NH Public Utilities Commission must accompany a building permit. (State mandated)
Web site www.puc.state.nh.us.

3. Adding Section D in Article

Section D. Variance. Any application for a building permit, not meeting the provisions of Article IV must apply for a variance from the Board of Adjustments before submitting the application to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

ARTICLE TO BE VOTED ON BY OFFICIAL BALLOT**

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year. That sum being \$462,250. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,500 for the purpose of Phase II Revaluation and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw \$12,500 from the CRF established for this purpose. The balance of \$10,000 to be raised by taxation. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds as listed. Selectmen recommend.

\$10,000 Dump Closure CRF

\$10,000 Fire Truck CRF

\$10,000 Rt. 115B Reconstruction CRF

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500 for the purpose of purchasing employee health insurance coverage. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500 for the purpose of employee raises to compensate for **no** employee health insurance coverage. Selectmen recommend. **(to be passed over if article 6 passes)**

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 for the purpose of purchasing a 1990 John Deere Grader and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw \$10,000 from the CRF established for this purpose. The balance of \$11,000 to be raised by taxation. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to the Building CRF for the purpose of constructing a building to house the recycling operation at the Transfer Station, this appropriation to come from the fund balance (surplus) with **no** funds being raised by taxation. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Expendable Trust Funds as listed. Selectmen recommend.

\$5,000 Town Library Fund

\$10,000 Athletic Trust Fund

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Highway Garage CRF to the Highway Garage and Land CRF. (2/3 vote required)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$95,000 for the purpose of purchasing 12.9 acres of land and buildings, this property is currently the site of the Town Garage being rented by the Town from Paul Couture, and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw \$25,000 from the CRF established for this purpose and to authorize the Selectmen and the Treasurer to borrow up to \$70,000 by issue of serial notes or bonds of the Town in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) upon such terms and at such rate of interest as the Selectmen may determine and further to authorize the

Selectmen to do whatever may be necessary in connection with the issuance of such notes or bonds. The payment of such notes or bond to be paid over 5 years. Selectmen recommend. 2/3 Ballot Vote Required.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the purpose of 4th of July fireworks. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$830 for the support of the Mt. Washington Regional airport. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to name Esther M. Leiper as the TOWN OF JEFFERSON POET LAUREATE, who will write and read poetry for the enjoyment, inspiration, and enlightenment of all the people, at no cost to the Town; and who will continue to do so, until such time as a future warrant article may name the next POET LAUREATE. Following motion, second and discussion; to be voted on by paper ballot. By Petition.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of such property of the Town as the Selectmen in their sole discretion deem equitable, just and subject to existing laws.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes in accordance to RSA 80:52-a.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to authorize the Fire Department to go to the aid of another city, town, village or fire district within or without the state, for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, rendering other emergency assistance, or performing any detail as requested pursuant to RSA 154:24.

ARTICLE 19: To transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

**Article 1 and 2 to be voted by ballot while polls are open.

Given under our hands and seal this 14th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand-five.

A True Copy: ATTEST

CARROLL E. INGERSON
BRUCE HICKS
DEBORAH DUBOIS
Board of Selectmen
Town of Jefferson, NH

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2004

Purpose of Appropriations	Approp. Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expend. Prior Year	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Executive	\$37,000	\$34,373.92	\$37,000
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	12,000	11,842.39	12,000
Financial Administration	16,000	13,156.96	16,000
Revaluation of Property	22,500	26,800.08	
Legal Expense	7,500	5,770.21	7,500
Planning and Zoning	6,000	3,067.00	6,000
General Government Buildings	22,500	11,594.31	15,000
Cemeteries	24,000	24,272.33	10,000
Insurance	15,000	14,141.37	15,000
Other General Government	24,000	26,371.87	12,000
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police	6,000	4,949.90	6,000
Ambulance	13,000	14,351.70	15,000
Fire	32,000	32,348.53	32,000
Emergency Management	500	0.00	500
Other (Incl. Communications)	2,000	1,639.01	4,000
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			
Airport Operations	830	830.00	
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			
Highways & Streets	103,000	102,288.46	95,000
Bridges	2,000	0.00	2,000
Street Lighting	5,500	5,384.28	6,000
SANITATION			
Solid Waste Disposal	105,000	95,177.06	100,000
Solid Waste Clean-Up	2,000	926.62	8,000
Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other	1,000	450.00	1,000
HEALTH			
Pest Control	500	80.00	500
Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	10,503	10,503.00	11,000
WELFARE			
Administration & Direct Assistance	3,000	5,264.51	5,000
CULTURE & RECREATION			
Parks & Recreation	5,000	3,260.69	5,000
Library	11,500	10,855.55	11,900
Patriotic Purposes	500	378.92	500
CONSERVATION			
Other Conservation	350	350.00	350

DEBT SERVICE

Princ.-Long Term Bonds & Notes	18,000	4,377.36	9,000
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	4,000	6,333.35	12,000
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	5,000	2,003.71	4,000

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

Sewer	3,000	2,859.00	3,000
To Capital Reserve Fund	75,000	75,000.00	
To Exp. Tr. Fund-except #4917	15,000	15,000.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$610,683	\$566,135.44	\$462,25

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Purpose of Appropriations	Warrant Article #	Approp. Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Approp. Ensuing FY (Recommended)
CRF Town Garage		\$25,000	\$25,000	
Purchase Land & Buildings				
Town Garage	12			\$95,000
Library Trust Fund	10	5,000	5,000	5,000
Athletic Trust Fund	10	10,000	10,000	10,000
CRF Highway Vehicle		30,000	30,000	
CRF Dump Closure	5	10,000	10,000	10,000
CRF RT 115B				
Reconstruction	5	10,000	10,000	10,000
CRF Fire Truck	5			10,000
Purchase Grader	8			21,000
Building CRF	9			30,000
				\$191,000

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Purpose of Appropriations	Warrant Article #	Approp. Prior Yr. As App. by DRA	Actual Exp. Prior Yr.	Approp. Ens. FY (Rec.)	Approp. Ens. FY (Not Rec.)
Cemetery Maintenance		\$15,000	\$15,000		
Revaluation Phase III	4	22,500	24,567	22,500	
Transfer Station Roof		10,000	838		
Crushing Gravel		10,000	10,000		
4th of July Fireworks	13			1,500	
Perambulation of Town Line		1,900			
Mt. Washington Regional					
Airport	14	830	830	830	
Health Insurance Coverage	6			15,000	
Employee Increases	7				15,500
				\$40,330	

Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ens. Year
TAXES			
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 1,500	\$ 7,962.20	\$ 8,000
Resident Taxes	5,000	5,990.00	5,000
Timber Taxes	10,000	68,172.48	10,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	600	3,212.00	3,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinq. Taxes	15,000	26,871.16	10,000
Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu. yd.)		53.80	100
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	170,000	183,286.00	170,000
Building Permits	30	74.00	30
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,000	3,676.00	3,000
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	40,000	38,186.26	10,000
FROM STATE			
Shared Revenues	7,000	8,831.00	8,000
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	28,000	34,300.36	32,000
Highway Block Grant	37,634	37,634.12	40,343
State & Federal Forest Land			
Reimbursement	3,500	6,106.00	5,000
Other (Incl. Railroad Tax)		668.00	400
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	4,000	3,869.70	4,000
Other Charges	4,000	4,489.00	5,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Sale of Municipal Property	400	200.00	400
Interest on Investments	1,500	2,726.38	1,500
Other	4,000	6,408.38	4,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
Sewer (Offset)	1,000	0.00	1,000
From Capital Reserve Funds	14,400	12,500.00	47,500
From Trust & Agency Funds	5,000	4,652.90	5,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Proceeds from Long Term Bonds & Notes			70,000
Amount VOTED from F/B ("Surplus")	40,000	40,000.00	30,000
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes	17,075	17,075.00	
TOTAL ESTIMATED			
REVENUE & CREDITS	\$412,639	\$442,716.84	\$473,273

BUDGET SUMMARY

	<u>Prior Year</u>	<u>Ensuing Year</u>
Appropriations Recommended	\$462,535	\$462,250
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	90,000	191,000
"Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended	60,230	40,330
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	612,583	693,580
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	-372,639	-473,273
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$239,944	\$220,307

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have examined the 2004 Books, Statements, and all other financial records for the Town of Jefferson and have found them to be correct to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Respectfully submitted,

RITA M. LARCOMB

Auditor

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

LAND

Current Use (current use value)	
20,513.54 Acres	\$ 1,105,290
Residential 4,191.3 Acres	17,892,539
Commercial/Industrial/Mixed Use	
575.82 Acres	<u>1,208,400</u>

TOTAL TAXABLE LAND	\$20,206,229
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BUILDINGS

Residential	33,920,112
Manufactured Housing	2,063,300
Commercial/Industrial/Mixed Use	<u>7,459,600</u>

TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS	43,443,012
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UTILITIES

Public Service Company	
of New Hampshire	1,405,000
Portland Pipeline Corporation	<u>3,455,300</u>

TOTAL UTILITIES	4,860,300
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VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS

68,509,541

EXEMPTIONS

Blind (2)	30,000
Elderly (7)	<u>100,000</u>

TOTAL EXEMPTIONS	130,000
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NET VALUE FOR LOCAL TAX COMPUTATION

\$68,379,541

Less Utilities

4,860,300

NET VALUE FOR STATE TAX COMPUTATION

\$63,519,241

Land tax exempt and non-taxable 5,407.7 acres value 1,565,364 buildings tax exempt and non-taxable value 1,426,800.

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Town Appropriations	\$ 612,583
Less Revenues	-458,722
Net Town Appropriations	153,861
Add School Appropriations	1,668,630
Less Adequate Education Grant	-389,903
Less State Education Tax	-241,670
Add County Appropriations	383,248
TOTAL	<u>\$1,574,166</u>
Less Shared Revenues	-3,360
Add Veterans Credit	2,950
Add Overlay	10,302
LOCAL TAXES TO BE RAISED	1,584,058
STATE EDUCATION TAX TO BE RAISED	241,670
TOTAL TAXES BEING RAISED	<u>\$1,825,728</u>

PROOF OF COMPUTATION - local valuation 68,379,541 times \$23.17 per thousand equals 1,584,058, state local valuation less utilities 63,519,241 times \$3.80 per thousand equals 241,670.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

TAXES

Property Taxes	\$1,878,997
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3,212
Resident Taxes	5,990
Excavation Taxes	54
Yield Taxes	68,172
Interest and Penalties	26,977
Land Use Change Tax	<u>7,962</u>

TOTAL

\$1,991,364

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Motor Vehicles	183,286
Building Permits	74
Other Licenses and Permits	<u>3,676</u>

TOTAL

187,036

FROM STATE AND FEDERAL

Shared Revenue	8,831
Highway Block Grant	37,634
State & Federal Land Reimbursement	6,106
Rooms and Meals Tax	34,300
Fire Warden Reimbursement	668
FEMA & Homeland Security	<u>38,186</u>

TOTAL

125,725

MISC. REVENUE SOURCES

Sale of Scrap Metal	345
Charges from Departments	5,192
Interest on Investment	2,727
Sewer Fees Collected	2,859
Coping and Dump Stickers	471
Town Hall Rent	350
Sale of Cemetery Lots	200
Insurance Dividends	152
Donation from Festival	100
Town Clerk Fees Reimbursed	<u>4,489</u>

TOTAL

16,885

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS

Revaluation CRF	12,500
Reclamation Trust Fund (tire removal)	3,853
Cemetery Fund	800
Reclamation Trust Fund (Town Clerk Fees)	<u>810</u>

TOTAL

17,963

TEMPORARY LOAN

Tax Anticipation Note	<u>340,100</u>
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TOTAL

340,100

TOTAL REVENUE ALL SOURCES

\$2,679,073

FUND BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2004

574,768

GRAND TOTAL

\$3,253,841

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$34,449
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics (9634 reimbursed clerk fees)	11,842
Financial Administration	13,157
Revaluation	26,800
Planning Board	2,244
Zoning Board	824
Legal Expenses	5,770
Town Hall & Other Gov't. Buildings	11,594
Insurance	14,141
Cemeteries (repaired Hillside stones)	24,321
Tax Abatements & Refunds	3,670
Other Government Reimbursement	22,702
Taxes Bought by Town	37,911
Whitefield Regional Airport	830

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Dept.	32,349
Fire Dept. (FEMA & Homeland Security Grants for Equipment)	39,024
Police	4,037
Animal Control	80
Fast Squad	1,639
Lancaster District Court Juvenile Diversion	913
Emergency Management	0

HIGHWAY AND STREETS

Highway Department	102,288
Street Lighting	5,384
Bridge Repairs	0

SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling	95,177
Grounds Upkeep Leachfield	450
Sewerage Collection & Disposal	0
Landfill Closure Planning	927

HEALTH

Ambulance	14,352
Senior Meals	475
Health Services	10,028

WELFARE

Direct Assistance	5,265
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

Park and Recreation	3,261
Library	10,855
Patriotic Purposes	379

CONSERVATION

Conservation Commission	350
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DEBT SERVICES

Temporary Loans (TAN)	340,100
Interest Tax Anticipation Note	2,004

PRINCIPAL LONG TERM DEBT

Freightliner Fire Truck	4,377
Interest Long Term Debt - Fire Truck	6,333

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

Transfer to Capital Reserve Funds	75,000
Transfer to Sewer Fund	2,859
Transfer to Expendable Trust	15,000

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Taxes Paid to County	383,248
Taxes Paid to School District	<u>1,293,491</u>

TOTAL

\$2,659,900

BALANCE SHEET**CURRENT ASSETS**

Cash	\$ 456,291	\$ 574,767
Taxes Receivable	173,512	237,765
Tax Liens Receivable	39,755	34,986
Accounts Receivable	0	
Other Funds & Assets	0	
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>669,558</u>	<u>847,518</u>

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Warrants & Accounts Payable	0	3,566
Due to School District	458,981	572,991
Contract Payable	0	
Due to Other Funds	0	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>458,981</u>	<u>576,557</u>

FUND EQUITY

Reserve for Special Purposes	13,450	0
Reserve for Approp. from Surplus	10,000	2,500
Unreserved Fund Balance	187,127	268,461
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>210,577</u>	<u>270,961</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$669,558	\$847,518

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, land and buildings	\$ 989,000
Furniture and equipment	17,500
Library, land and buildings	60,000
Furniture, equipment, books	115,000
Police Department	2,000
Fire Department, building	94,900
Equipment	424,800
Highway Department, equipment	197,300
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	54,100
Gravel Pit	7,300
Solid Waste Facility	45,800
Cemeteries	54,000
Deeded land	15,000
TOTAL	<u>\$2,076,700</u>

TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT

	Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2003	2002	1998-2001
DR.				
UNCOLLECTED TAXES				
BEGINNING OF YEAR*				
Property Taxes		\$237,695.41		
Resident Taxes		1,360.00	300.00	620.00
Yield Taxes		124.17		
Utility Charges		1,375.00	163.00	
TAXES COMMITTED				
THIS YEAR:				
Property Taxes	\$1,821,490.46			
Resident Taxes	6,020.00			
Land Use Change	7,962.20			
Yield Taxes	75,946.57			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.	53.80			
Utility Charges	2,958.00			
OVERPAYMENT:				
Property Taxes	112.72	1,193.13		
Yield Taxes	9.00			
Interest - Late Tax	168.93	15,132.60		
Resident Tax Penalty	12.00	73.00	14.00	23.00
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$1,914,733.68</u>	<u>\$256,953.31</u>	<u>\$477.00</u>	<u>\$643.00</u>

*This amount should be the same as the last year’s ending balance.
If not, please explain.

	Levy for this <u>Year 2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	PRIOR LEVIES	
			<u>2002</u>	<u>1998-2001</u>
CR.				
REMITTED TO				
TREASURER:				
Property Taxes	\$1,596,220.95	\$234,907.68		
Resident Taxes	4,820.00	780.00	160.00	230.00
Land Use Change	7,962.20			
Yield Taxes	68,172.48			
Interest				
(include lien conversion)	168.93	15,132.60		
Penalties	12.00	73.00	14.00	23.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.	53.80			
Utility Charges	1,810.00	1,049.00		
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		(34,522.00)		
ABATEMENTS MADE:				
Property Taxes	1,976.90	2,629.25		
Resident Taxes		160.00	70.00	280.00
Amount Forgiven		17.67		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES				
END OF YEAR:				
Property Taxes	223,405.33	140.00	70.00	110.00
Resident Taxes	1,200.00			
Yield Taxes	7,783.09	124.17		
Utility Charges	1,148.00	326.00	163.00	
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$1,914,733.68</u>	<u>\$256,953.31</u>	<u>\$477.00</u>	<u>\$643.00</u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Tax Sale/Lien Accounts

	Last Year's Levy <u>2003</u>	PRIOR LEVIES <u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>	
DR.			
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$34,522.00	\$23,771.40	\$11,214.35
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	2,441.06	5,805.13	4,504.53
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$36,963.06</u>	<u>\$29,576.53</u>	<u>\$15,718.88</u>
CR.			
REMITTED TO TREASURER:			
Redemptions	\$15,402.50	\$20,070.47	\$11,214.35
Int. and Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	2,441.06	5,805.13	4,504.53
Amount Forgiven		.58	
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Year	19,119.50	3,700.35	-0-
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$36,963.06</u>	<u>\$29,576.53</u>	<u>\$15,718.80</u>

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)? NO

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. GROSS
Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

I hereby certify that during the year ending December 31, 2004, I issued 1,746 automobile registrations, which I collected for same \$183,278.00, which I turned over to the Treasurer.

I collected 1,620 Reclamation Trust Fund fees, amounting to \$4,512.00, which I turned over to the Treasurer.

I issued 288 Dog Licenses collecting for same \$1,391.00, which I turned over to the Treasurer.

I issued 6 Marriage Licenses, which I reported to the State Vital Records Bureau.

I collected \$6.00 in Filing Fees, which I turned over to the Treasurer.

My expenses for postage, supplies, meetings and mileage were \$65.84.

Respectfully Submitted,
OPAL L. BRONSON
Town Clerk

TREASURER’S REPORT

I hereby certify that in the year ending December 31, 2004, I have received from the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Reclamation Trust Fund, Sewer Fund, Lancaster National Bank, Conservation Commission; plus paid Selectmen’s orders and carried out other transactions as follows, in the four succeeding separate accounts to the best of my knowledge.

GENERAL FUND CREDITS:		
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 2004		\$ 574,767.87
2004 Deposits	\$2,331,432.08	
Bank Loans (Tax Anticipation)	340,100.00	
Interest on N.O.W. and HIFI Accounts	2,878.17	
Reclamation Trust Fund	4,662.90	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$2,679,073.15	\$ 2,679,073.15
GEN. FUND DISBURSEMENTS:		
Selectmen’s Orders	\$2,662,334.67	\$(2,662,334.67)
2004 GEN. FUND BANK BALANCE		\$ 591,506.35
R.T.F.:		
2003 Balance	\$ 17,177.43	
2004 Deposits	4,511.00	
2004 Interest	95.34	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 21,783.77	\$ 21,783.77
R.T.F. DISBURSEMENTS:		
Town Clerk’s Commission		
1611 Registrations	\$ 810.00	
Tire Removal	3,852.90	\$(4,662.90)
2004 R.T.F.	\$ 4,662.90	\$ 17,120.87
SEWER FUND:		
2003 Balance	\$ 21,780.81	
2004 Deposits	2,859.00	
2004 Interest	109.27	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 24,749.08	
SEWER FUND DISBURSEMENTS:		
Sewer Maintenance		
2004 Sewer Fund		\$ 24,749.08
CONSERVATION COMM. FUND:		
2003 Balance	\$ 749.00	
2004 Deposits	45.00	
2004 Debits	105.00	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 689.00
2004 CONSERVATION FUND BALANCE		

Respectfully submitted,
MARIE A. NOYES, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT OF JEFFERSON TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS For the Year Ended 12/31/2004

Deposits with Lancaster National Bank:

Cemetery Care	\$ 85,325.27
Jefferson Memorial Health Fund	2,339.23
Friends of Ben Kenison Fund	935.00
H. Hartley Conservation Fund	1,719.95
Skating Rink Fund	1,103.48
Honor Roll Fund	1,598.68
Athletic Trust Fund	21,136.35
Nevers-Jefferson Scholarship Fund	30,888.14

Total Deposits with Lanc. Nat. Bank	<u>\$145,046.10</u>
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Deposits with NH Public Deposit Investment Pool:

Capital Reserve Funds:

#1 Highway Vehicle	\$ 71,992.48
#2 Revaluation	23,067.64
#3 Dump Closure	78,083.88
#4 Bridge Repair & Maintenance	4,238.11
#5 Reconstruction of Rte. 115B	54,829.86
#6 Fire Truck	22,348.04
#7 Buildings	26,481.85
#8 Highway Garage	25,000.00
Town Library Fund	37,570.79
Perambulating Fund	14,203.86

Total Funds in PDIP:	<u>\$357,816.51</u>
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Total of all Trust Accounts as of 12/31/2004	<u>\$502,862.61</u>
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Total of all Trust Accounts as of 12/31/2003	<u>\$423,951.61</u>
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Expenditures:

Care of Cemeteries	930.00
White Mtns. Regional H.S. Library	11.49
Nevers/Jefferson Scholarships	400.00
Athletic Trust Fund	1,994.25
Town - Revaluation	12,500.00

Total Expenditures	<u>\$15,835.74</u>
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Additions to Funds:

Interest Earned on Accounts	4,646.74
Nevers-Jefferson Scholarship Donations	100.00
CR#1 Highway Vehicle	30,000.00
CR#3 Dump Closure Fund	10,000.00
CR#5 Reconstruction of 115B	10,000.00
CR#8 Highway Garage	25,000.00
Town Library Fund	5,000.00
Athletic Trust Fund	10,000.00

Total Additions	<u>\$94,746.74</u>
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Net Increase to all Funds:	<u>78,911.00</u>
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Balance as of 12/31/2004	<u><u>\$502,862.61</u></u>
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Trustees of Trust Funds:

JASON CALL RUPERT CORRIGAN ALDEN HOLMES

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

EXECUTIVE

Carroll Ingerson, Chairman	1,500	
Bruce Hicks	1,500	
Deborah Dubois	625	
Michele Ward	875	
Employer FICA & Medicare	344	
Linda Cushman, Assistant	20,377	
Employer FICA & Medicare	1,738	
Paul Donovan, Moderator	75	
Printing	1,624	
Dues & Memberships	870	
Office Supplies	543	
Postage & Envelopes	333	
Phone	980	
Town Meeting Expenses	35	
Office Machine Repair & Maintenance	100	
Software Service Contract	1,700	
Miscellaneous	1,230	
TOTAL		\$ 34,449

ELECTION, REGISTRY & VITAL

Opal Bronson, Town Clerk	1,000	
Donald Noyes, Supervisor	200	
Cheryl Meehan, Supervisor	200	
Jane Holmes, Supervisor	200	
Employer FICA & Medicare	122	
Fees paid to Clerk		
Auto Registration Fees	3,894	
Municipal Agent Fees	2,818	
Title Fees	630	
Dog Licenses Fees	288	
Vital Records	91	
Reclamation Trust Fees	810	
UCC Filing Fees	905	
Dog Licenses & Tags	87	
Supervisors Expenses	162	
Clerk Convention, Meetings & Dues	369	
Postage	66	
TOTAL		11,842

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Assessing		
Tax Map Update	800	
Subtotal		800
Treasurer		
Marie A. Noyes	2,000	
Employer FICA & Medicare	153	
Postage & Envelopes	210	
Expenses	200	
Subtotal		2,563

Tax Collector		
Mary Gross	6,300	
Employer FICA & Medicare	482	
Recording Liens	—	
Redemptions	71	
Discharges	89	
Printing	418	
New Computer	681	
Postage & Envelopes	1,277	
Dues & Meeting	20	
Office Supplies	102	
Subtotal		9,440
Auditing of Town Books	350	
Postage	4	
Subtotal		354
TOTAL		13,157

PLANNING & ZONING

Planning		
Michelle Gross, Secretary	681	
Employer FICA & Medicare	52	
Advertising	336	
Seminars	45	
Envelopes & Postage	126	
Dues	849	
Books/Manuals	95	
Miscellaneous	60	
Subtotal		2,244
Zoning		
Rita Larcomb, Secretary	288	
Employer FICA & Medicare	22	
Postage	118	
Seminar	45	
Advertising	351	
Subtotal		824
TOTAL		3,068

AIRPORT OPERATIONS

White Mountain Regional Airport	830	
TOTAL		830

INSURANCE

Worker Compensation	4,514	
Property Liability - NHMA Trust	9,627	
TOTAL		14,141

POLICE

Charles Huntington, Officer	2,423	
Employer FICA & Medicare	218	
Mileage	1,045	
Miscellaneous	351	
Juvenile Diversion Program	913	
TOTAL		4,950

LIBRARY

Suzanne Crafton, Librarian	3,353	
Lucille Cameron, Assistant	523	
Monica Cronauer	751	
Employer FICA & Medicare	413	
Trustees Budget	2,600	
Heating Fuel	1,473	
Phone & Internet Service	1,010	
Electricity	362	
Pole and Flag	147	
Grounds Upkeep	224	
TOTAL		10,856

STREET LIGHTING

Public Service Company	5,384	
TOTAL		5,384

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Dues	175	
Books	40	
Seminar/Meetings	90	
Transfer to CC Account	45	
TOTAL		350

FAST SQUAD

Call Allowance (470 call responses)	470	
Medical Supplies	485	
Office Supplies	24	
Radio Repairs & Installaton	660	
TOTAL		1,639

LEGAL EXPENSES

General Expenses	1,114	
Estabrooks v. Town	4,656	
TOTAL		5,770

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Roof Transfer Station	873	
Electricity	812	
Heating Fuel	2,504	
Grounds	280	
Awnings	604	
Maintenance	2,153	
Foyer Repair	4,038	
Sewer Rent Paid	146	
Supplies	58	
Miscellaneous	126	
TOTAL		11,594

CEMETERIES

Starr King mowing & cleaning stones	1,841	
Indian	270	
Hillside mowing & stone repair	15,978	
Forrest Vale	2,145	
Riverton	480	

Kilkenny View mowing & fence installation	3,311	
Wentworth-Reed	115	
Supplies	32	
Employer FICA & Medicare	149	
TOTAL		24,321

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Memorial Day	194	
4th of July	185	
TOTAL		379

PARKS AND RECREATION

Swim Lessons Colonel Town Recreation	400	
Electricity	289	
Grounds Upkeep	1,690	
Skating Rink Maintenance	400	
Miscellaneous	232	
Monument Updating	250	
TOTAL		3,261

SEWER DISPOSAL & MAINTENANCE

Mowing of Leachfield	450	
TOTAL		370

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Salaries	42,474	
Employer FICA & Medicare	3,860	
General Highway Expenses		
Garage Rent	3,400	
International Repairs & Maintenance	3,048	
2002 Ford Repair & Maintenance	374	
Sander Repair & Maintenance	468	
Backhoe Repair & Maintenance	1,000	
Plow Repair	346	
Grader Repair & Maintenance	3,075	
Vehicle Fuel	4,595	
Chloride	6,748	
Winter Sand	8,403	
Salt	1,728	
Gravel Crushing	10,285	
Radio Repairs	463	
Maintenance Supplies	1,872	
Road Maintenance	4,291	
Hired Equipment	4,053	
Miscellaneous	1,805	
TOTAL		102,288

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Salaries	16,532	
Employer FICA & Medicare	1,390	
Electricity	759	
Hauling to Mt. Carberry Landfill	13,998	
Hauling to Recycling Center - Berlin	10,768	
Disposal Cost Mt. Carberry Landfill	28,226	

Container Repair & Maintenance	435
Annual Membership Fee	16,690
Telephone	242
Monitor Well Testing	4,554
2 Compactors	800
Repair and Maintenance	783
TOTAL	

95,177

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chris Milligan, Chief	1,910
Mark Corrigan, Assistant Chief	530
Melissa Brooks	76
Lawrence Coulter, Jr.	340
Ron Costa	162
Jamie Gooden	50
Kenneth H. Gianlorenzo	150
Michael Hatfield	40
Fred Ingerson	256
Larry Kenison	240
John Markey	328
Edward Tibbets	50
Kevin Staines	436
Larry Wells	550
Jeff Wiseman	416
Bill Patnaude	220
Edward Dorr, III	90
Jack Paschal	330
Adam White	90
Joe Beliveau	218
Richard Steele	114
John Bishop	412
Mark Robert	500
John Murphy	80
Laurette Balog	96
Lawrence Humphrey	30
Christina Humphrey	30
Barry Nelson	224
Employer FICA & Medicare	1,053
Electricity	781
Building Fuel	1,514
Radio Repair	1,598
Training	554
New Equipment	3,464
New Gear/Clothing	3,285
Inland Divers	401
General Maintenance Supplies	505
Scott Air Pak	1,229
Vehicle Fuel	723
Telephone	531
Fire Warden Expenses	849
Building Repair & Maintenance	1,068
Dues	350
General Vehicle Maintenance Supplies	827

Engine I Repair & Maintenance	1,669	
Engine II Repair & Maintenance	1,670	
Pumper	250	
Van	64	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,996</u>	
TOTAL		32,349

OTHER GOVERNMENT EXPENSES

(monies collected & paid out)		
Refunds Overpayment Property Tax	3,670	
State Payment Vital Records	316	
Tire Removal	4,708	
State Animal Population Control	606	
Payment to Court Sale of Deeded property	<u>17,072</u>	
TOTAL		26,372

AMBULANCE

Yearly Contract (15 months)	12,072	
Unpaid Transports Reimbursed	<u>2,280</u>	
TOTAL		14,352

HEALTH AGENCIES

Weeks Home Health	4,405	
North Country Senior Meals	475	
White Mountain Mental Health	1,373	
Tri-County Community Action	650	
Littleton Regional Hospital	2,100	
Caleb Group	<u>1,500</u>	
TOTAL		10,503

WELFARE

Direct Assistance	<u>5,264</u>	
TOTAL		5,264

ROAD AGENT’S REPORT

Winter Road Maintenance

Salaries		
Paul Couture	\$13,575.25	
Frank Gray	5,484.16	
Carroll Ingerson	2,090.00	
Neil Gross	76.00	
		\$21,225.41

Summer Road Maintenance

Salaries		
Paul Couture	13,401.00	
Frank Gray	4,470.24	
Neil Gross	3,263.25	
Carroll Ingerson	47.50	
Larry Wells	66.50	
		21,248.49

Hired Equipment	4,052.50	
		4,052.50

TRANSFER STATION REPORT

With the **COOPERATION** of our residents we have had another successful year of picking through our TRASH. With the purchases of two commercial compactors we were able to reduce the recycling transportation cost by approximately \$2,000.

Please continue to keep the operation of the Transfer Station working smoothly by the following:

1. if you are not sure where something goes **ask** the attendant
2. sort your items **before** you get to the Transfer Station
3. corrugated cardboard flatten **NO pizza or cereal type boxes**
4. junk mail and light cardboard (cereal, cracker boxes, etc.)
5. newspapers and magazines together
6. keep traffic moving

Just a reminder that the Transfer Station hours have changed. We **CLOSE AT 5:00 P.M. YEAR ROUND**. We want to thank the townspeople of Jefferson for their cooperation and help.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK GRAY
Transfer Station Officer

ROGER DAIGLE
Attendant

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The fire department responded to thirty-seven incident calls in 2004. We responded to three structure fires that had the potential to be very damaging. Thankfully, quick actions and building construction kept these from becoming more devastating than they were. We also responded to two fires at the town transfer station that were in the compactor. **Please remember never put anything in the household trash that would cause a fire, such as cigarettes that have not been completely extinguished, or household chemicals, cleaners, fuels etc. as they do not belong in there. The latter have the potential of mixing in the compactor and self combusting, also never dispose of wood ashes in the compactor.** A fire in the compactor proves to be a very nasty, difficult fire to extinguish and hazards are released into the air. Please heed to the directions of waste material separation and place materials in their proper place.

A year has gone by and our new truck, engine two has been working beyond our expectations. This has been a beneficial addition to our department that will serve the town well for many years. Again our gratitude to our residents for supporting this acquisition. Through mutual agreement with Larry Coulter, Jefferson Fast Squad director and our Board of Selectmen, as of January 1, 2005, the Fast Squad and the Fire Department are now under one administration. Though the two departments have combined, we still will be separate to an extent, we still will be known as the Jefferson Fire Department and the Jefferson Emergency Medical Service. Larry Coulter's position will be the EMS Officer, in charge of EMS operations. Our goal from the two departments is to enhance our services for our residents and the visitors of the town. In 2003, we were notified from the New Hampshire Homeland Security Office that we would be eligible for mobile radio replacements. These were installed at no cost to the town in all our fire apparatus. This was completed in May 2004 and we now have digital radio capabilities as well as the analog radio system that is still much in use in our coverage area. This is a program that has been made available to all emergency agencies throughout the state. This will allow all agencies to better communicate with each other during larger type incidents. We also received through New Hampshire Homeland Security allotment grants, which have allowed us to purchase equipment we would not have normally purchased. This equipment is primarily used for hazardous materials type incidents. Though our Haz Mat incidents are few, we still have to be the first response, until more help can arrive. We have received grant money from the US Fish and Wildlife Department. This has allowed us to update and purchase forest fire fighting equipment.

Our fire prevention week activities in October took us to the Elementary School with visits to the station from the Kids' Connection students and a home schooled group. This is very well spent time interacting with the children and staff and is evident over the years that our program has been successful. We look forward to seeing everyone in October 2005.

Our department members participated this year with the school students and staff, joining our veterans at the Memorial Day services. We also joined in for the Fourth of July parade and helped the town of Whitefield celebrate their bi-centennial. We participated in the festive parade of lights, fire prevention week in

Littleton and Lancaster where we brought home a trophy for chief's choice antique, for our 1904 soda acid extinguisher (hand pull cart) that we have had for many years. It certainly is nice to get recognition from another department, and nice to attend these events to see old friends, make new ones and see the different equipment.

I cannot stress enough the importance of having Working Smoke Detectors in our homes. They need to be in all living areas of our homes. They are the first defense in home safety in the event of fire. They should be tested weekly, batteries changed when we change the clocks. Replace if more than 10 years old. Consider having hard wired detectors added to your home, and have carbon monoxide detectors as well. This type of detector will alert to a malfunctioning heating system, which will give off carbon monoxide gas, a colorless, odorless gas that can be deadly in a short amount of time. Have an escape plan and outside meeting area and practice it often. Have at least two five pound working ABC extinguishers and know how to use them.

In the fall of 2004 we were able to purchase through left-over grant money and through a smoke and fire detector program from the NH Fire Marshal's office to have battery operated smoke detectors available for our residents' homes. We have a variety of detectors, smoke and fire, carbon monoxide and ten-year battery operated. We have made these available to any home owner who would like to have one. These can supplement your existing detectors or replace your older ones. Members of the department will install these in your home to ensure they are in the best possible location and work as they should. We still have some left and if you would like a detector installed in your home, please contact myself or any department member. Our goal is to get these detectors in any home that needs them and there is no cost to our residents.

Remember the only number to call for FIRE, EMS, POLICE IS 911. Keep all important numbers posted near your phone. Keep your house number in good condition and visible. Never let a small problem become a large one. The department has put out a home safety tip brochure and is available to all our residents, and we are available to give free home safety inspections, or just to answer questions, please feel free to contact me or any department member. **And a reminder, it is against the law to burn any type of household trash. We no longer issue barrel permits to burn trash. This is punishable by fines.** It is still allowable to burn brush with permission, a permit and when conditions allow.

In closing I wish to thank the members of this department for your hard work and dedication to be on call 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, in all types of weather, to train and respond to all types of incidents, to give up your personal time and family time to serve and provide protection for us all. Be proud members, you have served your community well. Our appreciation to the Fast Squad members and Lancaster EMS, Northern New Hampshire Fire Mutual Aid Pact members for their assistance when needed. Lancaster Dispatch-NHDOT District One, for our dispatching services and all their assistance. To our select board, the past members of the department and most importantly, the residents of Jefferson for the support we receive.

Respectfully submitted,
CHRISTOPHER MILLIGAN
Fire Chief

JEFFERSON FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

We started out in May holding our first soup, chowder, chili cook-off at the town hall. This turned out to be a successful event. We had many entries of the three categories and many people attended, tasted the entries and voted on their favorite. We awarded first place, second place and third place in each category. The cooks and crew and folks attending had a great time and are looking forward to holding this event again in 2005.

Our pancake breakfasts in July and October were well attended having an exceptional and unexpected number of people in October, must have had something to do with the foliage. This has become a well established and attended fundraiser for the association. It is a busy time for us, but a good time for all and gives a chance to see our neighbors and friends, and returning visitors. We express our appreciation to the Jefferson Odd Fellows Lodge #103 for your support and the use of your facility, and to the Old Corner Store, the Jefferson Inn, the Water Wheel Restaurant and all the good folks for the generous food donations, for without your help this would not be a success.

A beautiful sunny day was on tap for our fourth annual Merlyn Baker Memorial Golf tournament at the Waumbek Golf Course. We had a good turnout for this event and appreciate Larry Fellows and his staff for accommodating us. Our thanks to Bill Patnaude for organizing the tournament, to all who helped out and the businesses who donated prizes and raffle items. A special thank you must go to Bob and Louise Corrigan and Ed and Marilyn Ashby. The Corrigan family holds a car/tractor show each September. The proceeds from the show and the proceeds from raffles have generously been donated to the Firemen's Association and to the Jefferson Fast Squad. A lot of work goes into this event and we truly appreciate your efforts. Work continues in the walk-in van we purchased and we are also doing some refurbishing work to our parade piece, our 1938 Dodge open cab pumper. We are in hopes to have it out and about this spring. All the fundraiser proceeds go toward our ongoing projects that benefit the members, the fire department and our community.

We wish to express our appreciation to everyone who gave us raffle donations to the fundraisers we held this year, and to the good folks who made donations to the association. We hope everyone who has attended one of our fundraisers had a good time, we thank everyone for joining us and we appreciate your support. To all the members and our behind the scenes people, thank you for your hard work and time to keep the association going. I would like to extend best wishes to us all and for a safe and healthy 2005.

Respectfully submitted,
MARK CORRIGAN
President

JEFFERSON FIRE DEPARTMENT 2004 INCIDENT RESPONSES

Alarm Activations - Malfunctions,	
Unintentional	4
Assist Fast Squad & LEMS - Medical	3
Building Check-Smoke source, CO ₂ Alarm	1
Chimney Fires	3
HAZ MAT - Propane tank leak	1
Motorcycle Accident	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Mutual Aid (assistance to other towns)	10
Non Permitted Material Burning	6
(Required extinguishing)	1
Snow Machine Accident	1
Structure Fires:	
Wall & Attic Area	1
Room & Contents	1
Wall & Second Floor	1
Transfer Station (Compactor Fire)	2
Total 2004	<hr/> 37

JEFFERSON FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICER ROSTER 2004

Chief	Christopher Milligan
Deputy Chief	Mark Corrigan
Captain	John Paschal
Lieutenant	Larry Kenison
Lieutenant	Larry Coulter, Jr.
Lieutenant	Larry Wells
Emergency Management Director	Jeff Wiseman
JFD Membership, 30	

NH FOREST AND LANDS TOWN OF JEFFERSON

Fire Warden	Christopher Milligan
Special Deputy Warden	Larry Wells
Deputy Warden	Mark Corrigan
Deputy Warden	Larry Coulter, Jr.
Deputy Warden	Larry Coulter, Sr.
Deputy Warden	Fred Ingerson

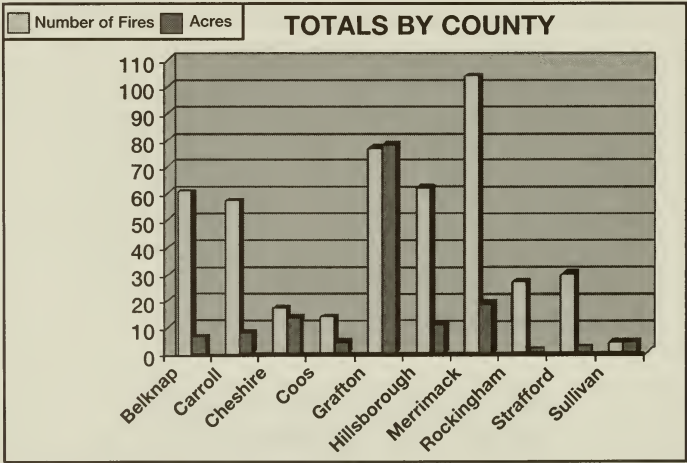
REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN
AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of Forests & Lands (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdf.org.

This last year was fairly wet throughout the spring and summer months, however, we finished the season with an active fall fire season. In order to meet an increased demand for services, the Forest Protection Bureau was reorganized into three regions with smaller Forest Ranger Districts and over the last several years we have added two Forest Rangers. The fifteen state fire towers were the first to report on many fires throughout the state and they completed many other projects on the low fire danger days. The state implemented a program called Tower Quest to help citizens learn about fire towers and the need to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. The United States celebrated Smokey Bear's 60th birthday in 2004, and celebrations were held throughout the state. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire smart and fire safe!

2004 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported as of November 18, 2004)



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	15	Railroad	1
Campfire	41	Equipment	5
Children	12	Lightning	5
Smoking	19	Misc.*	163
Debris	201		

(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

	Total Fires	Total Acres
2004	462	147
2003	374	100
2002	540	187
2001	942	428

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

2004 LIBRARY REPORT

The Jefferson Library continues to grow and offer new services to all residents of Jefferson, thanks to our hard-working and creative librarian, Sue Crafton. Our library now has 418 patrons, up 36 from last year.

The Summer Reading Program was a great success again this year due to the generosity of our weekly program presenters. We would like to thank Volunteer Firefighter Joe Beliveau, Highway Patrol Officer Sharon Mattson and her dog Zela of Jefferson, Monica Cronauer of Lancaster and Sue Gradual of Whitefield. They taught and entertained 21 children this summer!

We have continued our Thursday Night Homework Club that meets each week from 4-7pm.

Jefferson has a wonderful asset in our Friends of the Library group and we would like to thank them for all of their support this year. They sold Community Calendars, participated in our annual 4th of July book sale and put flowers along the walkway. They bought the summer reading program t-shirts for the participating children and two large tents for our annual book sale. They gave the Jefferson Elementary School McGruff Trick or Treat Bags for Halloween. They also donated \$400.00 that enabled us to take advantage of a special deal to fill in some missing books in several popular book series.

We received many wonderful additions to the library thanks to the generosity of our patrons. The donations of books, audio books and videos this year were incredible! Thank you very much.

Please feel free to contact any trustee or our librarian with any questions or ideas that you may have to enhance our library services.

Respectfully submitted,

CHERYL MEEHAN, Trustee Chairman

ADELE WOODS, Trustee

MARGUERITE COSTA, Trustee

SUZANNE CRAFTON, Librarian

2004 LIBRARY BUDGET REPORT

Receipts

2003 Balance	\$ 164.40	
2004 Town budget	2,600.00	
Overdue books/copy fees	196.00	
Friends of the Library Donation	400.00	
Total	<u>\$3,360.40</u>	\$3,360.40

Expenses

Books (194)	\$2,331.76	
Periodicals (11 magazine subscriptions)	250.99	
Audio/Video (17 videos)	199.67	
Supplies (2 ink cartridges, stamps, craft supplies, P.O. box rental, book pockets, toilet supplies, and checking account service charge)	301.06	
Memberships (NCLC dues, NHLTA dues, 12 months NCIA)	199.65	
Total	<u>\$3,283.13</u>	\$3,283.13
2004 Total Balance		\$ 77.27

Respectfully submitted,
CHERYL MEEHAN
Trustee Treasurer

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The members of the Board of Adjustment are appointed by the Selectmen upon the recommendations of the Board of Adjustment. The present members are: Kim Perry, Chairman; Jason Call, Vice Chairman; Dale Paschal, Burleigh Wyman, Cricket Ingerson. Alternates are Thomas Walker and Craig Clukay.

The Board of Adjustment met as necessary on the second Thursday of each month in the Selectmen's Office. All meetings were open to the public. All hearings and rehearings are posted at the Town Hall and the Post Office.

The Board held six (6) abutters hearings. Seven (7) set back variances were granted and one (1) was denied. Six (6) special exceptions were granted and two (2) were denied. The granted special exceptions were: one (1) a mini-storage building; one (1) retail store dealing in grocery, specialties and gift store; one (1) small business as a towing business; one (1) as a small business as a fiber mill; one (1) home based business as a woodworking shop; and one (1) a restaurant and ice cream shop.

During the coming year the Board of Adjustment will continue to deal with variances and special exceptions of the Land Use Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,
RITA M. LARCOMB
Secretary

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the town office. All meetings are open to the public.

Board members are Michael Meehan, Chairman; Earl Brooks, Vice Chairman; Carolyn Ingerson, James Brady, Jr. Associate members are James Irish, Ernest Gaudes, and Gordon Winsor. The selectmen's representative is Carroll Ingerson.

The Board approved 6 (six) subdivisions and 3 (three) boundary line adjustments and a few informal consultations were held.

The services of NH Municipal Association, Office of State Planning, and the North Country Council were used as resources to the Board's decision-making process on some of the subdivisions that were submitted.

During the coming year, the Planning Board will monitor and update as needed the Master Plan, Planning Board Regulations and the Board of Adjustment's Land Use Plan Ordinance.

MICHAEL MEEHAN
Chairman

MICHELLE GROSS
Secretary

JEFFERSON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2004 SUMMARY

Capital Improvement Plan

Phase I - 2004 Construction

- \$15,000 donated labor and materials
- \$2,000 expenditure
- Completed access road to new athletic fields
- Paved skating rink/basketball courts
- Maintenance of baseball fields and dugouts

Phase II - 2005 Proposed Construction

- \$25,000 proposed expenditure plus donations
- New baseball field and small soccer field
 - Approximately 2,000 cy gravel fill, loam, seed and infield
- Install basketball hoops, seal pavement and line courts
- New roof at skating rink building
- Installation of containment system for skating rink

Phase III - 2006 Proposed Construction

- Coordinate additional fill (donations) for expanded soccer field
- Continue grading of soccer field

Phase IV - Future

- Construct bathrooms and concession stand at fields
- Install fencing
- Construct dugouts

Community Programs

July 4, 2004 Activities

- Fireworks, horseshoe tournament, children's games and cookout
- 3,000 plus people attended the first annual fireworks (all work done with donations and volunteers)

2004 Athletic Programs

- Wrestling - 10-15
- Ice Skating - Numerous
- Skiing - 35 participants
- Baseball - 28 participants
- Softball - 15 participants
- Soccer - 42 participants

July 4, 2005 Activities - Proposed

- Expanded fireworks, parade, cookout, children's games and horseshoe tournament
- All activities proposed for Saturday, July 2, 2005

2005 Athletic Programs - Proposed

- New athletic fields (baseball and soccer) ready for use
- Continue all existing programs
- Consider adding a summer and school year basketball skill development program
- Review potential for development of additional summer programs

**JEFFERSON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT
Year Ending 12/31/04**

Beginning Balance as of 1/1/2004 \$2,696.46

INCOME:

Skiing Program	\$1,248.00	
Donations	75.00	
Baseball/Softball	1,875.00	
4th of July Events	6,942.22	
TOTAL INCOME		\$9,638.68

EXPENSES:

Cannon Mt. Ski School	1,284.00	
Shepard Fund	100.00	
Baseball/Softball	200.00	
Supplies	699.45	
4th of July	633.77	
Fireworks	2,700	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$5,617.22
ENDING BALANCE 12/31/2004		<u><u>\$4,021.46</u></u>

* outstanding invoices for baseball/softball programs in 2004

ATHLETIC TRUST FUND 2004

Beginning Balance	Principal	\$12,663.62
	Interest	210.46
	Total	\$12,874.08
Addition from Town Meeting 2004		10,000.00
	Interest	256.52
Balance		\$23,130.60
Expenditures 2004	Paving Rink	1,594.25
	Trucking Field	400.00
Ending Balance		\$21,136.35

JEFFERSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2004

The Conservation Commission is a town board charged with overseeing the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources of Jefferson, in accordance with RSA-36. Members include David Govatski, chairman, Bob Ball, Jean Cargill, Marjorie Doan, Bill Fischang, Charles Muller, Winnie Ward, and alternate member Peg Fischang.

- We attended numerous meetings and workshops concerning such matters as: State Trails, Rivers Management, Wildlife Field Workshop, Annual Meeting of the NHACC.
- Examining Dredge & Fill applications and inspecting the properties when necessary.
- Cleaning and re-positioning duck nesting boxes. Keeping up the Jefferson Bi-centennial Garden. Doing water sampling of our ponds and streams, for temperatures and pollution. Kept watch for invasive species and notified the proper authorities when found. Conducted inspections of Jefferson's only Conservation Easement on the Ennis property.
- Supported acquisition by the US Forest Service of 1,600 acres on Hardwood Ridge. Supported the further acquisition of land to the Pondicherry Wildlife Refuge, bringing it to over 4,300 acres. The Refuge was the first in New Hampshire to be designated an Important Bird Area. Dave Govatski received a Merit Award from the Environmental Protection Agency for the work he has done at the Refuge, a National Natural Landmark of the Wildlife System.
- Israel's River Stabilization Project: applied for a grant from the Moose Plate Conservation Fund to dredge the sand banks and stabilize the banks of the river on both sides of NH Route 115-A.
- Rewrote our Mission Statement, and voted in place new bylaws.

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the town office. Any citizen is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
MARJORIE DOAN, Secretary

ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT 2004 ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

The AVRDD 2004 Budget apportionment for our member municipalities totaled \$893,375. A surplus of \$340,870.23 from the 2003 budget was used to reduce apportionments with a net budget of \$552,504.77 being billed to the member municipalities. The proportionate share of the credit for the Town of Jefferson was \$14,353.82, reducing your gross apportionment of \$30,541.01 to \$16,187.19. Preliminary reconciliation of the 2004 budget shows a surplus of approximately \$440,000 being available to credit toward 2005 apportionments.

Our Materials Recycling Facility marketed a total of 2,097.61 tons of recyclables for the period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004, representing \$116,588.11 of marketing income to the District. In addition to the marketing revenue derived from the recyclables, there is also an avoided cost of disposal at the landfill. Our avoided cost for 2004 totals \$140,539.87.

For calendar year 2004, our Transfer Station received 3,255 deliveries from District residents for a total of 922.42 tons of bulky waste and construction and demolition debris. In addition, our 159 commercial accounts delivered 1,065.96 tons of bulky waste and construction and demolition debris and 286.40 tons of wood. Recycling at the Transfer Station consisted of 1,316.01 tons of wood that was processed through a grinder, 593.51 tons of scrap metal and 395.44 tons of brush which was chipped with the District owned chipper. In addition, 297 refrigerators/air conditioners; 438 propane tanks; 5,322 tires; 13,743 feet of fluorescent bulbs and 1,032 HID bulbs were received. Transfer Station income from all sources totaled \$84,068.80. The Recycling Center and Transfer Station are operated, under contract with the District, by FERCO Recycling, Inc. of Berlin.

Election of officers was held at the District Annual Meeting in April 2004: Raymond Chagnon of Berlin was re-elected District Chairman; Clara Grover of Errol was re-elected Vice Chairman and Earl Wadsworth of Dummer was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Other District Representatives are: Yves Zornio of Gorham, David Tomlinson of Randolph, Linda Cushman of Jefferson, Paul Grenier for the Coos County Unincorporated Towns, Lorna Aldrich of Northumberland, George Bennett of Stark and Richard Lamontagne of Milan.

In June, the District conducted its thirteenth annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. The collection was held at the District Transfer Station with 433 households participating. The project was funded through the District Household Hazardous Waste Fund, with an assessment of fifty cents (\$.50) per capita to the District communities. In addition, a grant from the State of New Hampshire reimbursed the District at nineteen cents (\$.19) per

capita. The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held Saturday, June 4, 2005 at the District Transfer Station.

2004 marked the second year of operations for the AVRRDD-Mt. Carberry Landfill. The landfill, operated under contract with the District by Cianbro Corp., had a very successful second year. No assessment was made to the District municipalities for Mt. Carberry operations, with income raised through landfill tipping fees covering operating expenses. Any landfill funds remaining at the end of the year will be held in reserve, by the District, to pay for Mt. Carberry operating and capital expenses.

Respectfully submitted,
SHARON E. GAUTHIER
Executive Director

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2004

This has been another busy year at the Council. As we began our 31st year as a Planning Commission, we reaffirmed the Council's commitment to serve community and regional needs.

Over the past year we have expanded our capabilities based in response to our communities' needs. We have added additional capacity in grant writing and grant administration by the addition of an assistant planner and we continue to expand the capabilities of the staff by encouraging all of them to continue their education and training. Three of our planners recently received their ACIP certification. We continue to work in the areas of community planning, solid waste management, forest planning, resource planning, transportation planning, and others. If you would like to see our complete annual report you can go to www.nccouncil.org or you can request a hard copy from North Country Council. I hope you will take the time to look these over and give us some feedback as to where you think the council could improve and how we might better serve our communities.

In the coming year we intend to continue to improve our capabilities and service in our core areas and take on some projects that will continue to serve our communities. We have been awarded a "Brownfield's Assessment" grant from EPA which we began working on in late 2004. This grant will inventory and assess petroleum contamination sites throughout the region which will allow for these sites to understand costs of mitigating the contamination and potential procure funding for them. We also intend to complete the regional housing needs assessment update and have our regional plan updated. This will be another busy year.

I would like to thank you for all of your support for the council and hope that myself and my staff can continue to be of service to your community. The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and board are committed to responding to community need. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country.

Respectfully Submitted,

MICHAEL J. KING
Executive Director

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM REPORT

30 Exchange Street - Berlin • 73 Main Street - Lancaster

January 7, 2005

Tri-County CAP, Inc. is seeking your support through town funding of our local Community Action office in Lancaster.

We are requesting \$900.

This money is spent on operational costs of maintaining a presence in the area. Your funding is combined with Community Service Block Grants, Fuel Assistance money provided through the Governor's Office of Energy and Community Services, and the New Hampshire Emergency Shelter Grant.

The residents of Jefferson were served through the many financial resources and referrals offered in our Community Contact Office including case management services, advocacy, food pantry and commodity foods, and informational assistance. During 2004, over \$42,000.00 was spent to assist Jefferson households.

We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you throughout the coming year to provide for the elderly, disabled, and low-income residents of Jefferson.

Sincerely,
AMY SAWYER FOGG
TCCAP
73 Main Street
Lancaster, NH 03584

MOUNT WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT 2004 Annual Report to Towns December 2004

The Mount Washington Regional Airport has operated since the middle of the last century as a resource for business and recreational fliers. The airport is continuing to generate more traffic, thanks to its convenient location in a growing region of the state, strong volunteer efforts to build the operation and run the facility, and an increased interest in general aviation, both locally and throughout the country. Growth is being driven, as well, by contributions from communities in the area, support from state and federal officials, and approval by Whitefield voters to back a major expansion and safety enhancement program.

Thanks to this regional support, coupled with work done by the airport volunteers and our engineering consultant, the airport will embark on a 600-plus-foot runway extension and safety improvement project in 2005. Design work is underway, and construction should be completed by fall.

Ninety-five percent of costs for this \$2.7 million project are funded by a grant the airport successfully sought and received from the Federal Aviation Administration. Money comes not from general tax dollars, but from fees paid by commercial aviation users as they fly throughout the country. The remaining costs are split evenly between New Hampshire's Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division and the sponsoring organization. Voters in the Town of Whitefield generously voted in 2004 to fund the nearly \$70,000 local share of the project, in recognition, I believe, of the strength a viable airport can bring to the region.

The expansion project will offer much-anticipated exposure to the airport among business fliers and charter operators, as it will extend the runway to more than 4,000 feet, a threshold considered by these users as they decide where to fly. At the same time, the extension increases safety at the airport by providing a longer takeoff and landing surface, which insurance companies consider as they assess the risks to airplane owners wishing to base planes at an airport. This will allow more business-oriented aircraft to be based in the North Country, which in turn should increase traffic and generate greater revenues locally.

2004 saw major capital improvement projects at the airport, with the construction of a brand new, 6,400 square foot, heated hangar and the expansion of another hangar owned by an aircraft maintenance and repair facility on the property - all at no cost to the airport itself. Discussions are underway for construction of at least one more hangar - and perhaps more - over the next year or so. Given the location, it is important to fliers - both those based here and those visiting - to have a shelter from the elements. For this reason, we intend to pursue further hangar development as we are able.

Fuel sales were up markedly in 2004, compared to 2003. This resulted from increased traffic by pilots and businesses based in the North Country, saw well as more visits by those from other areas. The frequency of private charter flights seem to be on the rise, bringing tourists, business people, developers, buyers and other visitors to the region.

Also, the airport purchased a used courtesy vehicle in the fall, which we make available by appointment to visiting pilots. We know local restaurants and other businesses already have hosted travelers who arrived at their locations in our airport minivan ... and we expect many more to do so in the future. We also received generous donations from local business people of a new airport sign that greets arriving pilots and an industrial fire extinguishing system, which we hope we will never have to use.

The airport is always looking for ways it can work to better serve residents and businesses in the area. We also welcome contributions of time or other resources from those who are so inclined. If you have comments, questions or good ideas, or if you'd like to get involved with the airport as a volunteer, please call 837-9532. We'll be sure to get back to you promptly.

Sincerely,

DAVID WILLIS

Chairman

www.mountwashingtonairport.com

LITTLETON REGIONAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Littleton Regional Hospital is pleased to report that it has achieved considerable improvement in its operational and financial viability since the beginning of the last fiscal year. This fiscal stability was achieved without diminishing our commitment or services to the greater North Country Community.

During the period of July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004 Littleton Regional Hospital provided a record \$3,264,647 in community benefits to our patients, their families, community health organizations and towns in our service area. During this period Littleton Regional Hospital provided \$915,367 in charitable care alone. An additional \$2,145,809 was provided to the greater North Country Community in support of: community health, outreach and access; medical education, non-billed subsidized programs, and philanthropy to support community programs.

Littleton Regional Hospital stands ready to care for all patients from the Town of Jefferson, regardless of their ability to pay for often lifesaving medical care. In Fiscal Year 2004, Littleton Regional Hospital provided \$10,939.96 in charity care to patients residing in the Town of Jefferson.

The amount of financial support Littleton Regional Hospital receives represents only a fraction of the costs of providing charity care and community support programs. The management and staff who strive to provide the best care and service to all our patients sincerely appreciate your community's continued support and commitment to Littleton Regional Hospital.

This year Littleton Regional Hospital requests a financial donation in the amount of \$2,100.00 from the Town of Jefferson to help offset the cost of charity care and community benefit programs that the Hospital provides, such as the paramedic intercept program, Care-A-Van patient transport services, community health education programs and improved access to specialty physicians.

On behalf of our entire Littleton Regional Hospital Family (Board, Medical Staff, Hospital Staff, Volunteers and Auxiliary) we thank you and your community for your ongoing support and consideration of this financial request. As always it is an honor to serve the residents of Jefferson.

Sincerely,

GEORGE E. BRODEUR, SR.
Chairman, Board of Trustees

WILLIAM E. HOLMES, CHE
Administrator

**WEEKS MEDICAL CENTER
DARTMOUTH-HITCHCOCK**

**Home Health &
Hospice Services**

**Annual Report - 2004
Town of Jefferson**



**Members of the Weeks Medical Center
Home Health and Hospice Team**

Weeks Medical Center-Home Health and Hospice is grateful for the opportunity to serve the residents of Jefferson and greatly appreciates your continued support and confidence. Town funding is critically important and is used to assist families and individuals who are unable to pay for Home Health and Hospice Services and to support care where funding does not cover direct costs.

Our Home Health and Hospice Services continue to provide Jefferson residents with a wide range of services. Weeks Home Health and Hospice provides continuity of health care from the hospital to patients' homes. Services include skilled nursing; physical, occupational and speech therapies; certified home health aides; homemakers; medical social services; intravenous therapies and care to the terminally ill.

Our Medicare Certified Hospice program continues to provide excellent palliative care to the terminally ill. Weeks Hospice is a special kind of holistic care ... focusing on the emotional and spiritual needs of the family, as well as the physical needs of the patient at the end of life. No one is refused care based on an inability to pay. Over the last year, 20 hospice patients received care, support and love from our nurses, aides and volunteers. To celebrate their memory, a luminary service was held and many residents from area towns were in attendance.

Regional and Town Services - A Summary

	Skilled Nursing	Rehab Services	Home Health Aide	Home- makers	Visits & Units
Regional services provided by WMC - Home Health	7,002	1,250	7,135	23,278	38,665
Services to the Town of Jefferson	432	132	521	25	1,110

Thank you for your continuing support and confidence.

CALEB INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS

**38 King's Square, Suite 9
Whitefield, NH 03598**

The Caleb Group, a not-for-profit organization, which was established in October of 1995, continues to provide services to older adults in 8 northern NH communities. Caleb's heartfelt mission is to enhance independent living for the elderly, infirm and homebound by relieving isolation and assisting with friendly visits, care and supportive services through a network of volunteers and the fostering of caring communities.

The year 2004 was an exciting time for Caleb, a time of change, a very busy year. At the beginning of the year, The Caleb Group spun off from its parent organization, The Caleb Foundation of Swampscott, Massachusetts and became its own stand alone not-for-profit. The name changed from The Caleb Group to Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, or as we are now known The Caleb Caregivers. During the last few months of 2004, many wonderful volunteers helped renovate office space in the Astle Building, located across from the Common in Whitefield. On January 12, 2005, Caleb officially moved from the Highland House Apartments to its new office in the Astle Building. Caleb Caregivers is hoping that with this move, the organization will be more visible to the public. Caleb will be holding an Open House/Annual Meeting on March 22, 2005 from 7:00-9:00pm. We hope you can join us.

In 2004, Caleb Caregivers assisted more than 270 Bethlehem, Dalton, Groveton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Littleton, Twin Mountain and Whitefield seniors. Caleb's 100 active volunteers donated over 3,800 hours and drove over 30,000 miles to help their older neighbors remain independent! Without these dedicated volunteers, Caleb would not exist. These volunteers give their time, their talents and most of all their hearts. Transportation to medical appointments, and for running errands, is one of the most requested services. Caleb volunteers provide other services as well; friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, help with chores, paperwork and light housekeeping are to name a few. Caleb volunteers also assist with various community programs, such as the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. This State program is available every other month to NH seniors that are 60+, and that financially qualify. Caleb volunteers help distribute this food to elders, who are totally homebound. Caleb Caregivers is still working in conjunction with Shaw's of Littleton. Shaw's provides the day old bread and Caleb volunteers deliver it to seniors in the various communities. Caleb continues to work with The Above the Notch Humane Society of Littleton, and Companion Animal Care of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, regarding Caleb's Pet Food Project. Since this project began in October of 2002, Caleb has given out over 3 tons of **FREE** pet food/litter to help seniors feed their pets! Last but not least, Caleb still provides training for seniors who want to

learn how to use computers. Without the various services that Caleb provides, many older adults who need just a little extra help to continue living independently, might have had to go into a nursing home.

There are no fees for the services that are provided by the Caleb Caregivers. The program is funded through grants, fundraising, donations and generous appropriations of the towns in which the services are provided. We want to thank the residents of Jefferson for their support and for making it possible for us to continue to provide these much needed services to the area's elders. The \$1,500 appropriated at last year's Town Meeting was greatly appreciated, and we ask for your continued support in 2005.

Volunteers are always in great demand, so if you would like to become a volunteer, request a volunteer, or know someone who would benefit from our services, please call the Caleb Office at 837-9179, or contact anyone on the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,
BOBBIE GAUDES
Executive Director

Board of Directors

Carl Rod, President-Jefferson
Myra Emerson, Treasurer-Lancaster
David Glover, Clerk-Whitefield
Eleanor Brauns-Twin Mountain
Rev. Cliff Vendt-Whitefield

2004 WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES Director's Report

The world has changed. We here in the North Country would like to think that our location somehow shelters us from this reality, but this is not the case. Children in our communities are developing more emotional, behavioral and developmental disorders than at any time in the past. The families we see at White Mountain Mental Health are often facing multiple stressors: lack of job security, lack of health insurance, a child with serious problems in school, and the financial and emotional stress of single-parenting. It is no surprise that depression, anxiety and substance abuse often are the result.

As the level of pressure rises, our society can offer fewer natural supports. Many people live relatively isolated lives, and have no place to turn when life becomes overwhelming. Others may call upon friends or family and find that these potential supports are themselves so over-burdened that they are unable to respond. In this post-9/11 world, we all share anxiety as we deal for the first time in our lives with fears of terrorism and the reality of our sons, daughters and spouses leaving to fight a frightening and far-away war.

In this environment, White Mountain Mental Health, and our developmental services program, Common Ground is here to help. Part of our job is to provide the intensive and extensive services that are needed to allow persons with serious mental illness or developmental disability to live successfully in their communities. These services are funded through our contract with the State of New Hampshire. But most of our clients are not State funded. We turn to the towns and to private donors for assistance to allow us to continue to be here for all of the people who live among us, who need competent, professional help in facing the tribulations of life.

Chances are that your family member or neighbor will not advertise the fact that they have needed and used our services; life's challenges are often private. This report is one means of informing you, the taxpayer, of the fact that the small appropriation provided by your town has an immeasurable impact on the quality of life in our communities. This impact is seen in children who become more successful in school and better prepared for adulthood, in adults who resume functioning as employees and parents, and in elders who are able to stay independent and productive.

Support for our services is not only "the right thing to do"; it is an investment in the health and productivity of our community. Needs assessments in local towns consistently show that unmet mental health needs rank as one of the top three concerns of area residents. Our ability to help address this concern among uninsured or under-insured residents of the North Country is dependent upon your continued support.

Service Statistics:

During 2004, 38 residents of Jefferson received 902 hours of service. Our services include:

- 24 hour emergency service
- individual and family treatment, offered both in the office and in homes
- intensive, “wrap-around” services to children with serious emotional disturbance and their families
- in-home support and treatment of elders
- substance abuse counseling and substance abuse prevention services
- psychiatric consultation and medication evaluation
- a wide array of supports and services to allow persons with a developmental disability to live full lives and to provide respite and support to their families

Thank you for your continued appropriation to allow us to continue these services.

Respectfully submitted,
JANE C. MacKAY, LICSW
Area Director

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE

By Raymond S. Burton

Email: ray.burton4@gte.net

It is an honor to be starting my 27th and 28th year as one of your public servants here in District One. The Executive Council is your effective point of contact at the top of your Executive Branch of state government. The Council acts much like a board of directors for the administration of public law and public budget as passed by the NH House and Senate. The Council also accepts grant money from federal programs for administration to community-based organizations.

As we look into the next two years, I urge citizens to become involved through their regional planning commissions in bringing forth concerns and ideas for transportation projects. It is my opinion that not many new projects will be done, due to lack of sufficient funds. We will be lucky to maintain what we have and build what is in the current ten-year transportation plan.

District Health Councils are in full gear whereby local health concerns can be articulated directly to the Commissioner of Health and Human Services. This is the largest agency in our state government.

With a new administration headed by Governor John Lynch there will be many board and commissions looking for volunteers. If you are interested in finding out what is available please visit the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index or call my office.

My office is always available to assist in questions for relief, assistance and information. Also available and free is the NH Constitution, state map and brochure on the Executive Council. Please contact me anytime. It is a pleasure to serve you and your region.

Sincerely yours,

RAYMOND S. BURTON
Executive Councilor

ENMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2004 was the twenty-first year for the Scholarship honoring the late Charles and Dorothy Enman who were both active and highly regarded in the Jefferson Elementary School. The fund was able to provide scholarships to Ashlee Paschal, Katherin Walker, and Alina Corrigan in 2004.

Any senior who is a resident of Jefferson attending either high school or private school, regardless of location and planning on continuing his or her education is eligible to apply for this scholarship.

I would like to again thank all who have donated to the fund.

Donations may be made by taking or sending checks to Marietta Ingerson. Checks should be made payable to: Charles Enman Scholarship Fund.

Scholarship recipients are chosen by the Jefferson Library Trustees.

Sincerely,

MARIETTA INGERSON

NEVERS-TOWN OF JEFFERSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In 1981 the family of Wilbur and Gurda Nevers founded this Scholarship Fund in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. This scholarship is available to any High School senior who is a resident of Jefferson, and who wishes to further his/her education in any field. Any student desiring to apply for the scholarship may request an application at the White Mountains Regional High School.

This year scholarships were awarded to Angela Balog, Seth Conway, Amy Dubois, and Matthew C. Smith.

We wish to express our deep gratitude to the Nevers family for their continuing contributions to the scholarship fund along with our thanks to the other donors who have contributed to the growth of this fund. Donations of any amount are gratefully accepted and may be sent to the Nevers-Town of Jefferson Scholarship Fund in care of the Trustees of Trust Funds.

Respectfully submitted,
The Selecting Committee,
ADELE WOODS, Library Trustee
MARGUERITE COSTA, Library Trustee
SUE CRAFTON, Librarian
OPAL BRONSON, Town Clerk

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004

DATE	GROOM'S NAME	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE
06-05	Kenneth Calvo	Fullerton, CA	Jackson Village
	Elise W. Walker	La Puente, CA	
06-26	Keith Farais	Jefferson	Jefferson
	Brandy Beaulieu	Jefferson	
07-04	Lawrence Humphrey	Jefferson	Brentwood
	Christina Ingerson	Jefferson	
09-02	Leslie Bushaw	Jefferson	Jefferson
	Michelle Fox	Jefferson	
09-25	David C. Savage	Jefferson	Lancaster
	Katherine L. Phelps	Jefferson	
12-11	James G. Savage	Jefferson	Jefferson
	Lisa D. Wade	Lancaster	
12-30	Benjamin J. Pellerin	Belmont	Jefferson
	Christine R. Hicks	Belmont	

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, N.H.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004**

DATE	CHILD'S NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
01-06	Kegan Christopher Nelson	Littleton	Christopher Nelson	Tracey Nelson
01-09	Gracie Lynn Ingerson	Lancaster	Mitchell Ingerson	Kricket Ingerson
06-21	Dillon Jakob Bringham	Littleton	Jason Bringham	Diane Bringham
11-17	Abigail Faith Todd	Lancaster	Kenneth Todd	Lisa Todd
11-20	Grace Isabelle Field	Lancaster	Brandon Field	Angela Field
12-24	Ruby Rain Preisendorfer	Lancaster	Justin Preisendorfer	Cristin Preisendorfer

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004

DATE	NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
01-08	Joanna Fyon	Jefferson	Charles Fyon	Winnifred Hasket
02-16	Harold Davis	Jefferson	Charles Davis	Effie Ewen
03-24	Jacqueline Doiron	Jefferson	Louis Clermont	Dorothy Laflamme
04-30	Philida Silver	Jefferson	Ezra Rogers	Edith Parsons
06-08	Donald Allen	Jefferson	Philip Allen	Annoinette Smalley
06-20	Jeannette Maxwell	Lancaster	Hubert Couture	Jeannette Larriere
07-09	Alice Bean	Jefferson	William Ferguson	Lydia Buck
12-20	Doris Jagielski	Jefferson	Joseph Tetreault	Maud Tetreault
12-26	Geraldine Oleson	Lancaster	Philip Beaton	Reta Newell

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